

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 13, 15-19, and 32-47 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-12, 14, and 20-24 has been canceled. Claims 25-31 are withdrawn from consideration based on the election of claims 1-24 in the Response to Restriction Requirement filed December 5, 2002. Claims 32-47 are new. Claims 13, 32, 38, and 44 are independent.

Applicant reserves the right to re-file claims 25-31 in a divisional application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that claims 16-18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Objection

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's objection to claim 20 is now moot in view of the cancellation of claim 20.

Prior Art Rejections

Claim 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,321,096 to Lautenschlager et al. (hereinafter Lautenschlager). This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

Independent claim 13 recites a central database that sends update information to update a user profile in a first wireless system, where the updated user profile facilitates the directing of data messages to a mobile station. Applicant respectfully submits that Lautenschlager fails to disclose this feature.

Lautenschlager discloses that a mobile terminal may be serviced by either a base station in a mobile network MN or by a radio network

base station DECTS. In the portions of Lautenschlager cited by the Examiner, when the mobile terminal enters in the range of the radio unit base station DECTS, it sends a signaling message updating a home location register (HLR) of the mobile network MN (see Column 7, lines 54-59). Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's suggestion that the HLR is a central database (see section 4, page 3, of the Office Action).

Applicant respectfully submits that Lautenschlager's HLR is not a central database. As is well-known in this art, Lautenschlager's HLR is part of the mobile network MN. Therefore, Lautenschlager teaches that a mobile station, rather than a central database, updates a user profile in the wireless system from which the mobile station is transferred.

Furthermore, Lautenschlager fails to disclose an updated user profile that facilitates the directing of a data message. Lautenschlager discloses that whenever a call is received for the mobile terminal, a service control point (SCP) directs an inquiry to the mobile network's HLR, even if the mobile terminal is being serviced by the radio network base station DECTS. Lautenschlager discloses that the SCP connects the call based on the response from the HLR. See Lautenschlager, column 7, line 66 – column 8, line 8.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Lautenschlager fails to disclose a central database updating a user profile in a wireless system, or the updated user profile facilitating the directing of data messages, as required by independent claim 13.

Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,219,551 to Hentilä (hereinafter Hentilä) in view of Lautenschlager. Claim 19 is dependent on claim 13, and therefore incorporates the feature identified above with respect to claim 13.

Applicant respectfully submits that Hentilä fails to remedy the deficiencies of Lautenschlager discussed above in connection with claim 13, for the following reasons.

Hentilä discloses that an SCP makes an inquiry to a database in order to send a paging message to a mobile station. Hentilä's paging message is used to connect a caller to the mobile station. Hentilä fails to disclose that the intelligent network directs data messages to the mobile station. Thus, the combination of Hentilä and Lautenschlager fails to disclose an updated user profile that facilitates the directing of data messages, as required by claim 13. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 19 is allowable at least by virtue of its dependency on claim 13.

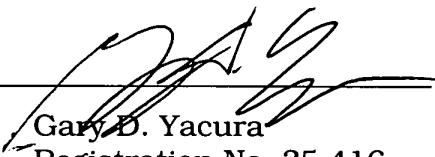
CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of all presently outstanding rejections is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Jason Rhodes undersigned at (703) 668-8020 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss this application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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